

out her life trying to prolong that of her little son and to keep them both from the charity of the city.

Mr. Brown learned that Mrs. Maxwell was a Catholic, and although he was a staunch Presbyterian, did not hesitate to give orders that she should be buried in the Catholic cemetery with all the ceremonies of the Catholic Church. In fact he called on the parish priest himself to that effect. He learned that little Arthur was the only child of his mother, who had come to poverty, no one knew how, as she had not been long in the locality, and was evidently well born and well bred; this was further evidenced by the papers she left behind, among which were her marriage certificate and the record of the boy's birth, and his baptism in an English Catholic Church six years before. The priest inquired keenly about the Humane Society's intention relating to the boy.

Mr. Benjamin Brown frankly acknowledged he had designs himself on the little lad.

"You see, Father," he said, "I am a bachelor, but I have lost my heart for the first time in my life, and it is, to that boy! I want him—I want to adopt him and give him a home and make him happy."

"But," said the priest, "how will you do that? Don't you live in bachelor's apartments?"

"I do," said Mr. Brown; "but I want that boy."

"Why you can't take him there," responded the priest. "It would be out of the question, Mr. Brown. To be sure he has no one to claim him, at present, but no Society would approve of his going to you under the circumstances. Don't you see it yourself?"

"I want that boy," said Mr. Brown; "I want to care for him—educate him—give him a college course and a start in life, and I want you to tell me how to secure him, Father; I tell you I have lost my heart to that fellow."

The priest could not help smiling at his earnestness. "Really, Mr. Brown, you deserve to have him, since you are so attached to him. I know of one way. Take him to the Catholic Orphans' home, place him formally in the care of the good Sisters, with the understanding that as